



# FEBRUARY 2017

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## DC CABLE NEWS

### HERE IS YOUR "DISTRICT MINUTE"

A District Minute (#DISTRICTMINUTE) is a weekly 60-second snapshot that provides a rundown of some of the most notable events, announcement happenings in the District from the Executive Office of the Mayor in 60 seconds.

### IN THIS DISTRICT MINUTE:

Mayor Muriel Bowser continued her regular [Community Walk-throughs in Ward One](#). Coordinated by the [Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services](#), the monthly walk-throughs cover all Wards of the city. Mayor Bowser also hosted the ["Hands Off DC" Rally](#) as the House Oversight Committee voted whether to invalidate a DC law. Also the [D.C. Office on Aging](#) collaborated with [eight public elementary schools to create 4,000 original Valentine's cards](#), which were delivered to home bound seniors.



Click [HERE](#) to watch District Minute's from previous weeks

## DKN BROADCASTS NATIONAL COLLEGE FOOTBALL SIGNING DAY SPORTS SPECIAL

The District Knowledge Network ([DKN](#)) in conjunction with the [District of Columbia State Athletic Association \(DCSAA\)](#) produced a program special chronicling the road to [2017 National Signing Day](#) for five Washington, DC metro area student athletes.



**Host Chris Dunlap, Director Angie Gates and Host Chad Ricardo**

The DKN Sports special premiered airing on the DKN Network National Signing Day, Wednesday, February 1st 2017, featuring interviews with local student athletes to discuss the recruitment process and their public commitment to play football at the collegiate level.

High school seniors [Dillon Clary](#), wide receiver/defensive back (Roosevelt); [Khaleb Coleman](#), wide receiver (Wilson); [Tyree Randolph](#), running back (Gonzaga); [Grant Donaldson](#), Linebacker (DeMatha Catholic); and Junior [Mychale Salahuddin](#), running back/strong safety (H.D. Woodson) were featured on the program.

[Chad Ricardo](#), a FOX Sports on-air personality and producer hosts the program with District resident and former [OCTFME](#) production assistant, Christophe Dunlap as co-host. Watch this DKN Sports special [HERE](#).

## WE ARE WASHINGTON

The dynamic DCN program, [We Are Washington](#), returned with new episodes on February 6th. The show continues to deliver weekly local news to District residents. DCN on-air personalities, Cecily Fernandez and Matt Granato co-host this quick-paced, informative rundown of news that explores and showcases the vibrant culture and events that make living in DC unlike anyplace else.



New episodes of 'We Are Washington' air Mondays at 6:30pm on DCN and can view current or past episodes online [HERE!](#)



**We Are Washington Hosts Cecily Fernandez and Matt Granato**



## SIMONE BUTTERFLY FABULOUS FREELANCE FASHION INVESTIGATOR



**Attorney Mariessa Terrell transforms into Host Simone Butterfly**

[Simone Butterfly Fabulous Freelance Fashion Investigator](#) is a 30-minute show hosted by fashion industry and intellectual property attorney Mariessa Terrell (and her alter ego, "Simone Butterfly"). The show features interviews and special segments highlighting creative economy and fashion scene. Simone Butterfly: Fashion Investigator airs Thursdays at 9pm on DCN and online [HERE!](#)

## EZ STREET'S, THE STREET REPORT



*The Street Report Host EZ Street*

[The Street Report](#) is a 30-minute show featuring D.C. radio personality, [EZ](#) and his adventures around the District of Columbia. From interviewing pop culture icons like Mary J. Blige and Iggy Azalea to showcasing local music talent in the District, EZ Street does it all. The show also takes EZ to local workplaces and we observe as EZ tries out "jobs-for-the-day," like food truck vendor or beauty salon stylist. The Street Report airs Thursdays at 9pm on DCN and online [HERE](#).

## DISPLAY



*Display Host Dion Dove*

[Display](#) is a 30-minute music video show highlighting independent and established artists from the District. The show features music videos, from local acts in the local music community, offering regional performers a platform for showcasing their talent. Featured videos include works by [Columbia Night](#), [Alcazar Weklin](#), [J. Kidd](#), [Tray Chaney](#), [Bruce Gardner](#), and [Rare Essence](#). Display airs Fridays at 7pm on DCN and online [HERE](#).

## THE SOUND

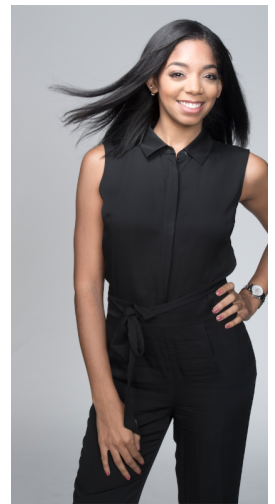
Airing Friday's at 7:30PM on DCN, [THE SOUND](#) with Britt Waters features DC musicians performing live in OCTFME's broadcast studio. Recent performers include:

[4EY The Future](#), [Carolyn Malachi](#), [Shade Jennifer](#), [Levi Stephens](#), [Da'Flame Hamlin](#), [Orlando Dixon](#), [The Darkest Timeline](#), [Skyline Hotel](#), [Soundz of RnB](#), [Bynes](#) + [Fellowcraft](#).



Waters

Host Britt



## DC ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

### DIRECTOR ANGIE M. GATES ATTENDS EVENT HONORING ACADEMY AWARD NOMINATED FILMMAKER RAOUL PECK

On January 31st, [The Embassy of the Republic of Haiti](#) hosted a special event to honor and celebrate the Academy Award nomination for Haitian Filmmaker [Raoul Peck](#); Director of "[I Am Not Your Negro](#)." The film is about the life of the writer and activist, [James Baldwin](#). The film was released nationwide on February 10, 2017.

[OCTFME](#) Director Angie M. Gates attended the event at the Embassy of the Republic of Haiti honoring the [Oscar-nominated filmmaker](#). Director Gates discussed future opportunities with the filmmaker and the District's vibrant community.



Director Gates with filmmaker Raoul Peck



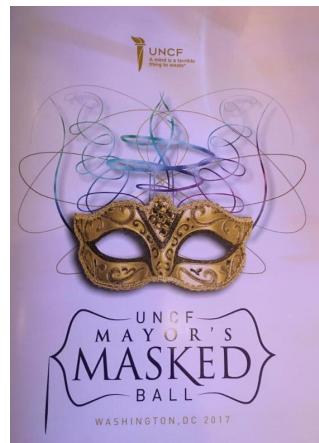
His Excellency Paul G. Altidor, Embassy of the Republic of Haiti with Director Gates

## DIRECTOR ANGIE GATES ATTENDS 2017 UNCF MAYOR'S MASKED BALL

On Saturday, January 28th [UNCF](#) hosted [2017 Mayor's Masked Ball](#) at the Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill. The evening included of an Award Ceremony and Reception, elegant dining and a live performance by platinum-selling recording artists [Tony! Toni Tone!](#)



**Dr. Michael Lomax**  
President & CEO, UNCF



**Mayor Muriel Bowser**

## OCTFME DIRECTOR ANGIE M. GATES ATTENDS THE GRAMMYS, NAACP IMAGE AWARDS AND THE PAN AFRICAN FILM FESTIVAL IN LOS ANGELES

Director Angie Gates travelled to Los Angeles for GRAMMY week to support the District's musicians and artists.

During her time Director Gates was able to attend the GRAMMY in the Schools Live! event at The Novo at L.A. Live with DMV recording artist Von Vargas.



Director Gates attended The Pan African Film Festival at the RAVE Cinem Baldwin Hills and saw the premiere of "Couples Night."

"Couples Night" was filmed in the District and received production incentive support from OCTFME via the [DC Film, Television and Entertainment Rebo Fund](#).



**DMV Rapper Von Vargas joined Dir. Gates and Chief of Staff Younger at GRAMMY in the Schools Live!**



**Director Gates with the crew behind "Couples Night" at the Pan African Film Festival**

Director Gates attended the NAACP Image Awards representing OCTFME at the prestigious event. Last, Director Gates attended the 59th Annual GRAMMY Awards where members of the District's music community like Aaron Myers, Wendi Cherry, Executive Director of the D.C. GRAMMY Chapter and Kayenecha Daugherty were present.



**District jazz singer Aaron Myers on the red carpet with Dir. Gates and Chief of Staff Derek Younger**



**Derek Younger and Dir. Gates on the red carpet of the NAACP Image Awards**



**GRAMMY DC Chapter Executive Director Wendi Cherry joins Dir. Gates and Kayenecha Daugherty on the red carpet**

## BELL BIV DEVOE VISITS OCTFME



Legendary R&B group Bell Biv DeVoe (BBD) dropped by the OCTFME offices on February 1st appearing on the new DCN show "THE 202" and were interviewed by host Michel Wright. BBD, is an American music group that branched off from New Edition. The group includes three members of the original New Edition: Ricky Bell, Michael Bivins, and Ronnie DeVoe. The group was in the District promoting the January 24th world television premiere of "[The New Edition Story](#)" A BET Networks miniseries. BBD was also on hand to promote their fourth studio album, *Three Stripes*, released on January 27th.



## KENNY LATTIMORE VISITS OCTFME & "THE 202"



GRAMMY Award nominated recording artist, [Kenny Lattimore](#) came to OCTFME on February 10th and appeared on an episode of "THE 202". The Washington, DC native joined hosts Ferman Patterson and Michel Wright. While here in the

District, [The NAACP Image Award winner for Best New Artist \(1997\)](#) performed [The Hamilton](#) on Valentine's Day.

## OCTFME DIRECTOR ANGIE GATES ATTENDS WORLD PREMIERE OF "ONE PENNY" AT THE DC INDEPENDENT FILM FESTIVAL



On Thursday, February 16th, Director Angie Gates attended the [world premiere of film, One Penny, from OCTFME February 2017 Filmmaker of the Month Michael DeVita and Melendez](#) at the [DC Independent Film Festival \(DCIFF\)](#). As the oldest independent film festival in the District.



## DC FILM NEWS

### FEBRUARY 2017 FILMMAKER OF THE MONTH

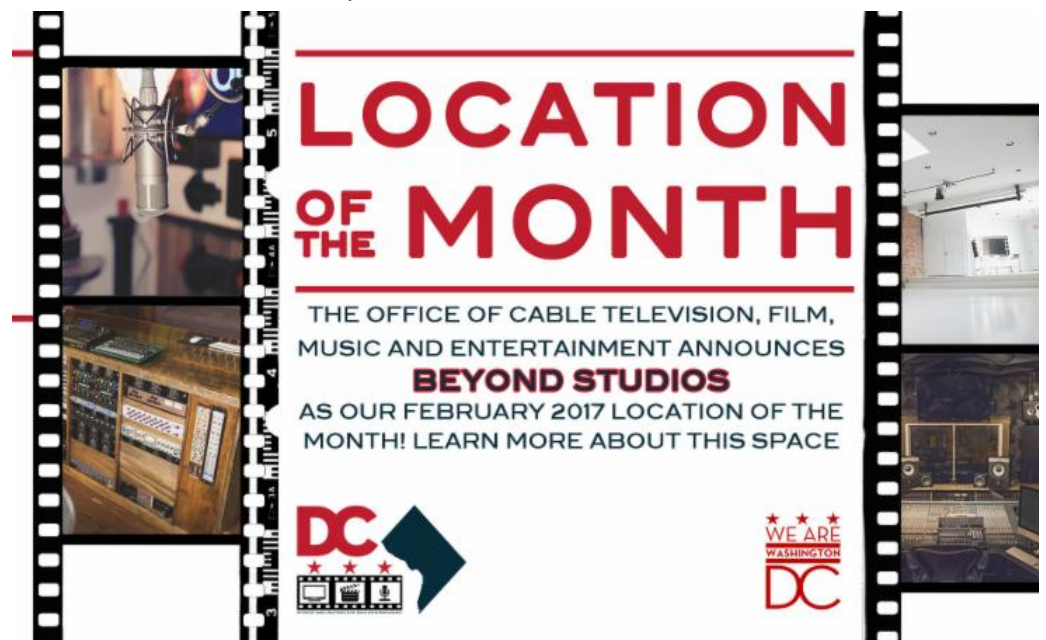


Congratulations to #OCTFME's [Filmmakers of The Month](#), David Melendez Michael DeVita!

David A. Melendez and Michael DeVita discovered they had a shared passion for filmmaking during their teenage years. The two caught the filmmaking bug and spent endless hours creating short films in their backyards and around their neighborhood using a camcorder. Together the pair taught themselves the basics of filmmaking without any formal training.

In 2011, after building a successful real estate development company, Melendez and DeVita co-founded [StonePark Productions](#) and began accepting developing projects they could produce from start to finish. In early 2015, Melendez and DeVita identified one of their original screenplays as the perfect material for a feature film, and began pre-production on [One Penny](#). The film had its World Premiere here in the District at the [2017 DC Independent Film Festival \(DCIFF\)](#) on [Thursday, February 16th](#), where the film was nominated for awards in four categories.

### FEBRUARY 2017 LOCATION OF THE MONTH



#OCTFME is pleased to recognize [Beyond Studios](#) as our February 2017 Location of the Month!

[Beyond Studios](#) is a multi-level facility offering a dual professional daylight photography and video production studio. Located in downtown Washington DC in the arts district of Shaw the facility also boasts a state-of-the-art recording studio and music production facility. The video/photo studio features 800 square feet with high ceilings, exposed brick, and two skylights for premium daylight shooting.



### [Casting & Opportunities](#)

See The latest casting opportunities submitted to the DC Film Office.

### [2016 Mid-Atlantic Production Services Directory](#)

The Film, Video and Entertainment Production Directory of the Mid-Atlantic region that lists film, TV and video production freelancers and crew; production and post production companies; lighting and grip crew and companies; and support services in Washington, DC, Maryland, and Virginia.



### [DC Reel Scout](#)

Few cities have as many landmarks as the nation's capital. Use DC Reel Scout to find the perfect film location for your production.

### [DC Reel Crew](#)

Check out our online tool that enables the District's film industry workforce and support service companies to showcase their skills and services to producers considering filming in the District.

# MAYOR BOWSER PRESENTS: 202CREATE

## 202CREATES CO-WORKING DAY: FEB. 28TH

On February 28th, OCTFME will host the fourth 202Creates Co-Working Day' at 200 I St SE. Local artists, makers, and creative economy entrepreneurs will yet again participate in a work + grab coffee + start opportunity, collaborating with DC creatives and District government agencies ([Department of Small and Local Business Development](#), [The DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities](#) & [Washington Area Lawyers for the Arts](#)).



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Please visit [202Creates website](#) for updates on the next Co-Working Day



Marcus Dowling, Music and Arts Journalist collaborates with Brian Burn and Cameron Lawson of Merveille Visual Productions

## 202Creates Creative

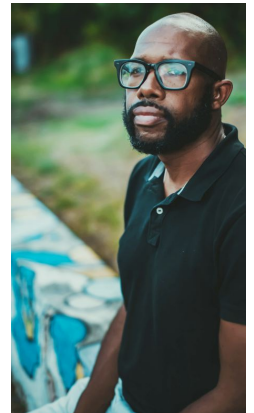


## Conversation Series: Music + Tech

On Thursday, February 16th [Mayor Muriel Bowser Presents: 202Creates](#) hosted a conversation + meetup hosted at [Songbyrd Music House](#) in Adams Morgan.



Moderator Joe Lapan



DJ Jahsonic

The connections between Music and Tech were discussed in the convers moderated by Joe Lapan, co-owner of [Songbyrd Music House](#).

He was joined by Chief Creative Economy Officer, Maryann Lombardi ([OCTFME](#)), Associate Director of Television and Entertainment, Bruce Walk ([OCTFME](#)), Program Analyst, Joy Whitt ([DMPED](#)) and [Jamil "DJ Jahsonic" Hamilton](#). New connections were made and great discussion was facilitat For upcoming 202Creates events please check [HERE](#).

## 202CREATES JAZZ and R&B



*Singer [Veronica King](#) is just one of the performers that have graced the stage of 202Creates Jazz and R&B*

202Creates Jazz and R&B is a new, OCTFME supported networking series showcases the local Rhythm and Blues (R&B) industry and community of artists. Facilitated by the Entertainment and Creative Economy department OCTFME, "202Creates Jazz and R&B" will be a weekly local music industry up. The event series will provide a regular, weekly opportunity for musicians to perform and collaborate providing an additional outlet for jazz and R&B exposure in the District.

["202Creates Jazz and R&B" will take place every Thursday evening at 'Dri 7th', a culinary retreat, lounge, and seafood eatery located in Ward 1's S neighborhood.](#) Artists looking to perform should contact us [HERE](#).

"202Creates Jazz and R&B" is part of OCTFME's continuing effort to promote and highlight the activities and contributions of the local creative economy through the ["Mayor Muriel Bowser Presents: 202Creates"](#) initiative.

### **PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE**

February 23 - Vocals by [Ama Chandra](#)

March 2 - Violin by [Bliss Ananda](#)

March 9 - Vocals by [Veronica King](#)

March 16 - Keys/Horn by [Dre King](#)

March 23 - Vocals by [Natasha Jane](#)



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